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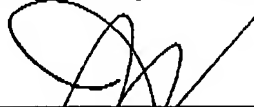
REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the above-captioned application. Claims 1, 8, 10, 13 and 16 have been amended herein in order to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. More particularly, Applicants do not agree with the rejections made under 35 U.S.C. §112, since the rejected claims are and were clear and had antecedent basis for all claim terms. However, in order to expedite prosecution, and reduce the issues extant for appeal, claims 1, 8, 10, 13 and 16 have been amended in the manner suggested in the Office Action.

The remaining rejections of the claims are essentially repeats of previous rejections, with additional cited art added. As previously stated, none of the cited art anticipates or suggests the inventions of any of claims 1-19, especially as amended herein, and all prior art rejections should be withdrawn (see, e.g., the response filed June 22, 2005 in this matter). In the alternative, the amendments made herein should be entered, in order to place the above-captioned application in condition for appeal.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 21-0010.

Respectfully submitted,



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